



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 287

By Representatives Ramsey, Swann

and

Senator Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Robert Pedersen, 2011 Valedictorian of Maryville High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflinching commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Robert Pedersen is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Maryville High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Robert has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Pedersen has earned an exemplary 4.53 grade point average while dedicating his time and energies to numerous scholastic organizations, including the National Honor Society, Maryville Scholars, and through participating in a Dual Enrollment English Course and several Advanced Placement courses, including United States History, Biology, Calculus, Psychology, Economics, and Government; and

WHEREAS, Robert Pedersen is also a distinguished four-year member of the football and wrestling teams, and he has also participated in track and rugby; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Pedersen is a recipient of the Tennessee Lottery Education Scholarship, the Great American Rivalry Series Scholarship, and, should he decide to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, he will receive the UT Volunteer Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Robert Pedersen has graciously volunteered his time to the Food Connection, Habitat for Humanity, and to disaster relief efforts by picking up debris for the victims of a tornado in Greenback; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pedersen's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, William and Elizabeth Pedersen, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Robert Pedersen's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2011 Maryville High School Valedictorian, Robert Pedersen, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: APRIL 28, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR